



SASA Sidelines



Spring 2013

From the President

Dear SASA Families,

Welcome to the 4th week of SASA Soccer...which would have been the 6th week if April wasn't so rainy! I hope that your soccer players, be they in our youngest group, the Mini Kickers, our Rec league or Travel division, are having fun playing with their friends and improving in their soccer skills!

As you saw in our last edition of *Sidelines*, our Director of Coaching and Player Development, Boyzzz Khumalo has taken to the fields during practices and games; I hope you've had the chance to meet him! This week we add another new face to the SASA Family, Knox Cameron, who will be the Technical Director for our Travel division. Knox played for the University of Michigan Men's Soccer team and went on to play Major League Soccer for the Columbus Crew. Knox has also been on the fields and like Boyzzz, a super nice guy with great soccer experience.

Both Boyzzz and Knox played for the Michigan Bucks at one time and you'll see that the Bucks will be coming to Saline on June 8th to play against a professional development team of the Chicago Fire at the Saline HS Stadium. Tickets are priced inexpensively for individuals and families and I hope our SASA families will be out in full force to enjoy an evening of soccer!

If you didn't have the chance to sell cookie dough for our fundraiser, please consider making an online donation to our SASA fundraiser. We are making good progress with our Campus Parkway fields. In the coming months you'll start to see grading and irrigation funded by our C.A.R.E.S. grant as well as our fundraising efforts.

Finally, as I've written many times, SASA wouldn't exist without our volunteers. If you know of a volunteer who has positively affected your family's experience in SASA, please consider nominating them for the Thiess Volunteer Award. It's a nice and simple way to say thank you to your favorite SASA volunteer!

I wish you a great weekend of soccer! Enjoy watching your children play, enjoy the chance to chat with friends and neighbors on the field...all a part of being in Saline's community soccer club!

Doug Schantz
President, Saline Area Soccer Association

SASA Happenings

Recreational League 4/13 Make Up Games — Sunday, May 19th afternoon

SASA Board of Directors Meeting — Sunday, May 19th 7 to 9 PM Busch's

Cookie Dough Pick Up — **Date changed** — TBD

Recreational League 4/20 Make Up Games — Sunday, June 2nd afternoon

Travel Tryout Registration — Ongoing through June 13th

Recreational League Tournament — June 7th & 8th

SASA Hosts the Michigan Bucks — June 8th Saline High School 6:30 PM

Travel Tryouts — June 15th and June 16th

www.salinesoccer.org

Who are the Michigan Bucks?!!

The Michigan Bucks are Michigan's most successful soccer team in history and represent the highest level of soccer in the state. The Bucks enter their 18th season in the United Soccer League's (USL) Premier Development League (PDL) in May. Since the Bucks were formed in 1996 as the Mid Michigan Bucks based in Saginaw, the team holds over a dozen PDL records, including the team with most wins, playoff appearances, US Open Cup appearances and victories over professional teams (including their historic wins over Major League Soccer's New England Revolution in the 2000 US Open Cup and the Chicago Fire in 2012). The Bucks record of 17 consecutive winning seasons and incredible 15 playoff appearances (three PDL finals/three regular season titles and one PDL championship) will probably never be matched. The Michigan Bucks are the minor league affiliate of the Columbus Crew of Major League Soccer.



Meet our new
Travel Coaches!

**CONCESSIONS
AVAILABLE!**



SASA has the honor of hosting a Bucks game right here at Saline High School! They will be playing a Chicago Fire minor team.

Michigan Bucks vs. Chicago Fire

June 8th

Saline High School Stadium

6:30 PM Kick Off

Pre-Saline Tickets Only

\$5 per ticket or \$18 per family

At the door: \$10 per adult and \$7 per child

Bring your children to enjoy this high level of soccer right in your own backyard. Many of these players will be drafted into the MLS. Both Boyzzz and Knox, part of SASA's new staff (see page 3) have played for the Bucks.

Season Ending Party!
Bring your team to the
game to celebrate
your season!



Tickets can be purchased online at www.salinesoccer.org or volunteers will be selling tickets at practices and games beginning the week of May 20th.

Recent Fundraisers Results!

Over \$600 was raised for our Scholarship fund from spirit wear sales this spring!

The SASA garage sale cleaned out some storage space and raised over \$200 towards our field improvements for Campus Parkway



Savory Foods Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Thank you for your orders! Help is needed for the cookie dough pick up day which will be determined shortly. Please look for an email in the upcoming days to sign up on Sign Up Genius.

**Questions? Want to volunteer?
Sign up with Sign Up Genius**

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4EABA829A75-fundraiser>

**Please contact
Suzi Zoltowski at 734/417-0707**

Meet SASA's New Staff Members

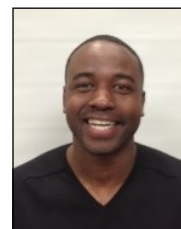


Boyzzz Khumalo -- Incoming Director of Coaching and Player Development.

Former professional soccer player, NCAA/NAIA All American and NAIA Player of the Year (first time a freshman has ever won the award). Boyzzz graduated from Coastal Carolina University with a BS in Physical Education. He holds a USSF National B License, a NSCAA Director of Coaching Diploma and a Sports Management Worldwide: Soccer Operations and Scouting Diploma. He has coached college, ODP, high school and at soccer camps around the country. He is also a founder of Umhlaba Vision

Foundation, an organization which creates programs to identify opportunities for youth through sport, education and social integration. Boyzzz brings extensive coaching and playing experience to SASA.

Knox Cameron -- Incoming Technical Director of Travel Soccer. Knox has professional playing experience having played for the Columbus Crew of MLS. Knox is a former University of Michigan standout having won the Big Ten Player of the year in 2003. Knox brings a wealth of playing and training experience as he has worked with several Division 1 players. Knox says, "I am very excited about the opportunity to teach the game of soccer. The game teaches a lot of valuable lessons that our kids can use in their daily lives."



Gold Shirts (LtoR): Cody Hinson, Dean Plennert, James Farquharson, Theo Sacks-Thomas, Black Shirt (LtoR): Anya Torres, Emmi Sturms, Kinley Poole, Sorin Bleed



U6Coed Panthers Play at the Saline Big House!

The Panthers, coached by Ken Sturms and Jonathan Sacks not only get to stay up late on Thursday, May 9th but they were able to play soccer during half time at the Saline High School girls varsity game.



SASA Recreational League Tournament

**U8 BOYS, U10 BOYS AND GIRLS, and
U12 BOYS AND GIRLS**

Games will be played

**Friday June 7th and
Saturday, June 8th**

All teams will play at
least two games each
Campus Parkway Fields

**Winners will be honored
at half time at the June 8th
Michigan Bucks Game**

*The next SASA Board of
Directors
Meeting is Sunday,
May 19th from 7-9 p.m.
in the Busch's
Training Room.
All are welcome!*



SWARM-STING Travel Tryouts

Tryouts June 15th & 16th

Tryout schedule in this Side-
lines on Page 5

Register Online!

Recreational Game Make Up Schedule

April 13th 9:00 AM — May 19th 1:00 PM

April 13th 10:30 AM — May 19th 2:30 PM

April 13th 12:00 PM — May 19th 4:00 PM

April 20th 9:00 AM — June 2nd 1:00 PM

April 20th 10:30 AM — June 2nd 2:30 PM

April 20th 12:00 PM — June 2nd 4:00 PM

For team specific information, please go to
the website and select Game Schedules
under the Recreational League Menu.

Note: Sunday afternoon make up days are necessary because our fields are completely booked from 4 to 8 pm each evening of the week and we need to complete the season of games before June 15th. We regret any inconvenience to our families, but are making the best of this rainy spring we are experiencing this year.

Bill Thiess Appreciation Award

The Saline Area Soccer Association is now accepting nominations for the 2013 Thiess Appreciation Awards, recognizing volunteers who have made a special contribution to the betterment of our club and youth soccer within our community.

Please nominate volunteers who have made the type of special contribution described above. It is easy to nominate someone. Just click on the link below to send an email nomination. Include the following:

- Name of the volunteer you are nominating
- The role or roles the nominee fulfills within the club (coach, team manager, etc.)
- Why you believe the nominee is deserving of this special recognition.
- Your name and contact information

SASA is accepting nominations from now until Saturday, June 1st. Please direct questions regarding this to the Thiess Appreciation Award chairperson at: Appreciation@salinesoccer.org.

Click here to submit a nomination:
Appreciation@salinesoccer.org



SALINE SWARM-STING 2013 TRYOUTS

The Saline Swarm/Sting program is committed to providing exceptional levels of training through our professional coaching staff to ensure our players develop quality soccer skills and sportsmanship - both on and off the field. We offer a range of competition levels, with our highest skilled teams competing in the top leagues of WSSL and the Michigan Premier League.

**ALL TRYOUTS WILL TAKE PLACE AT SANDRA RICHARDSON PARK ON
SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH AND SUNDAY, JUNE 16TH**

BOYS

AGE GROUP	TIME
U8	8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
U9	8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
U10	8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
U11	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
U12	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
U13	1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
U14	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
U15	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
U16	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
U17	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
U18	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

GIRLS

AGE GROUP	TIME
U8	8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
U9	8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
U10	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
U11	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
U12	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
U13	1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
U14	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
U15	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
U16	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
U17	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
U18	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**SUPPLEMENTAL TRYOUTS WILL TAKE PLACE AT SANDRA RICHARDSON
PARK ON TUESDAY, JUNE 18th & WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19th
FROM 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.**

***ALL PLAYERS MUST WEAR SHIN GUARDS
AND BRING A BALL AND WATER***



CLUB HIGHLIGHTS 2013/14

- Professional licensed coaches
- Year round training
- Indoor Winter Training
- Fall/Spring Tournaments
- Goalkeeper training
- Pre-season team camps



**Pre-register for tryouts at:
WWW.SALINESOCCER.ORG
734.780.2162 / admin@salinesoccer.org**



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Saturday June 8th, 2013

Saline High School

1300 Campus Pkwy Saline, MI 48176

6:30pm kickoff

**Michigan
Bucks**

vs

**Chicago
Fire**

www.bucksoccer.com

SPECIAL PRESALE ONLY

\$5 PER TICKET AND \$18 FOR A FAMILY PASS

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